

REGULAR MEETING OF SOUTH EUCLID CITY COUNCIL

Council President David Miller called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call

Present: Caroscio, Goodman, Gray, Icove, Romeo, Miller (6)

Absent: None

Staff: Benjamin, Blackley, Filippo, Gallagher, Kowalczyk, Lograsso, Martines, Nietert, Welo, Martin, Love, Carney

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 24, 2010 (Recovered), June 14, 2010 (Recovered), June 28, 2010 (Recovered), January 6, 2011 (Special Meeting), January 8, 2011 (Special Meeting), January 10, 2011 (Special Meeting). Following discussion, It was moved by Goodman, seconded by Caroscio, that the Minutes be approved.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Caroscio, Goodman, Gray, Icove, Romeo, Miller.

Nays: None.

Absent: None.

The Legislation has Passed Unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Cleveland Heights High School Students Donation to the Playground of Possibilities

PROCLAMATION: Recognizing and Congratulating the Notre Dame College Soccer Team for Reaching the 2010 NAIA National Championship Tournament.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY: The oath of office was administered to Dennis Fiorelli to the appointment of Councilmember-at-Large.

Opening Meeting of Council:

President Miller called the Open Meeting of Council to order and invited the audience to address Council:

- Kathy Schaefer, 1172 South Belvoir Blvd., spoke against the proposed rezoning of Oakwood and stated that there are too many empty storefronts already. Ms. Schaefer stated that we need a central park for South Euclid and Cleveland Heights and spoke of the ugliness on Mayfield Road.
- Anna Julnes, 3760 Eastway Road, stated that Legacy Village was a great success during the boom, but now buildings are empty and for sale and we are not creating new jobs, we are moving people around. Ms. Julnes stated that Shaker Lakes is a jewel that once could have been a highway and it was saved, and that a park will stay forever and be a jewel, and while she understands the City needs money for services, this is not the way to go.
- Fran Mentch, 1413 Lynn Park Drive, Cleveland Heights stated that she is President of the Severance Neighborhood Organization and asked for clarification of the proposed legislation on the agenda, and what the proposed impact will be on the TIF at Cedar Center and the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District. Ms. Mentch stated that South Euclid understandably needs the money that the proposed Oakwood project would bring and asked what provisions have been made to make sure that South Euclid residents are the first hired and that there is a level of living wage. Ms. Mentch also stated that it is important for the city to negotiate with the developer to set money aside from the developer to make the park area a showcase park. Ms. Mentch also stated her support for having Cedar Center developed, and stated that there should be no development at Oakwood.
- Joe Liptow, 4501 Anderson Road, asked how many homes are between Oakwood and Cedar Center and estimated that there are about 500 within a three minute walk, and to the east about 1000 homes. Mr. Liptow stated that the city should look back on all the developments and see if they have done anything for home housing prices, and said that they have not, and it's not going to help any of the existing businesses or any of the homes. Mr. Liptow said that Oakwood should be vastly different then what will be at Cedar Center and that the developer should do something at Cedar Center first.

Report of Council Committees:

Committee of the Whole

Council President Miller reported on the meeting held earlier in the evening regarding the 2011 budget and that Council should be receiving the budget books by Friday. The budget must be passed by March 31.

Zoning & Planning Committee

Council Chairperson Ilove reported on the public hearing held earlier in the evening regarding legislation pertaining to home based businesses and landscaping and stated that future meetings will be scheduled to further discuss the issues.

Mayor's Report:

- **Mayor Welo:** reported on the rumor that the library was for sale and stated that she has met with the Library Executive Director and it is not for sale.
- **Engineer Blackley:** reported on the bid opening for the 2011 road resurfacing program and thanked the Cleveland Water Department for their quick repair of the watermain break at Belvoir and Bayard.
- **Housing Manager Martin:** reported on the latest Green Neighborhoods Initiative project that will be a green-build new infill home on Hindsdale. Martin reported that architects Doty and Miller will design the home and Scott Richardson would be working on the interior design.
- **Service Director Gallagher:** requested consideration of Resolution 05-11
- **Asst. Fire Chief Carney –** reported on a fire on Princeton Blvd.
- **Community Services Director Benjamin:** explained information regarding the TIF, CRA and other legislation presented before Council regarding the Cedar Center Project.
- **Mayor Welo:** reported that Congresswoman Marsha Fudge will be having monthly constituent meetings.

Legislation Requested by the Administration

Introduced by Miller

Resolution 05-11

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ENERGY SERVICE PROJECT AND PERFORMANCE AGREEMENT WITH THE BREWER-GARRETT COMPANY. FIRST READING.

The Legislation was placed on First reading and referred to the Utilities Committee for review. A meeting was scheduled for February 28, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 02-11

ORDINANCE

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO A PARCEL OF REAL PROPERTY IN THE DISTRICT TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE FOR PURPOSES OF SECTIONS 5709.40 AND 5709.42 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE; DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS MADE, TO BE MADE, OR IN THE PROCESS OF BEING MADE THAT DIRECTLY BENEFIT, OR THAT ONCE MADE WILL DIRECTLY BENEFIT THE PARCEL, REQUIRING THE OWNER OF THAT PARCEL TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SERVICE PAYMENTS AND RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF VARIOUS CONTRACTS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATED THERETO. FIRST READING.

The legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Committee for Review. Councilperson Romeo requested that the prior TIF Ordinance be placed on the docket of the next meeting of Council for removal.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 03-11

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1330.04 "TAX EXEMPTION" OF CHAPTER 1330 "COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA" OF PART THIRTEEN "BUILDING CODE" OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO. FIRST READING.

The Legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole for review.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 04-11

ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH CORAL, SECC, LLC PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 02-08, AS AMENDED BY ORDINANCE 03-11, IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE. FIRST READING.

The Legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Committee of the Whole for review.

Introduced by Miller

Ordinance 05-11

ORDINANCE

AMENDING ORDINANCE 01-11 TO READ, AMENDING THE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID, OHIO AND SO AS TO CHANGE THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED PROPERTY FROM ITS EXISTING CLASS R-75 "ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT" TO C-2 "GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT"; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FIRST READING.

The Legislation was placed on First Reading and referred to the Planning Commission for review and recommendation.

Law Director's Report

Law Director Lograsso reported that Gordon Food Services closed escrow on Friday and that approximately \$1.9 million has been transferred to the City for the purchase of the land at Cedar Center. Remaining funds are in escrow pending the city completed additional roadway improvements prior to GFS breaking ground next month.

Letters & Communications

- Councilperson Caroscio reported on the City's budget, which must be approved by March 31 and stated that finance meetings will be scheduled, and invited residents to attend the budget hearings. Mr. Caroscio stated that revenues continue to go down from income and real estate taxes and that the City came in under budget last year and continues to work hard, and that each department will be presenting their individual budgets and goals for the year at the upcoming budget meetings, but it will be a challenging year. Mr. Caroscio stated that residents should come listen to what directors have to say and that the staff is doing a wonderful job. Mr. Caroscio reported on the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cornhole fundraiser and reported on a fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen on February 23rd to benefit the Sacred Heart Drama Club.
- Councilperson Goodman reported that she will hold her annual Ward 4 meeting on March 2, 2011 at 7:30 pm at the Community Center. Ms. Goodman stated that the first 45 minutes of the meeting would be devoted to updates regarding Cedar Center and the proposed Oakwood project.
- Councilperson Romeo reported that he will hold his annual Ward 2 meeting on April 7, 2011. Mr. Romeo also reported on the upcoming fundraiser and reverse raffle on March 12, 2011 to benefit the Playground of Possibilities.
- Councilperson Fiorelli thanked Council for their support in appointing him to City Council and those attending the Swearing-In Ceremony.
- Council President Miller stated that once the budget books are completed and budget hearings are scheduled, residents should please come to the meetings to get the information and find out what is being done. Mr. Miller reported on the tax increment financing regarding Cedar Center and stated that the project is moving forward and the City is waiting for the Cleveland Heights-University Heights School Board to respond.

Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, Councilperson Romeo made a motion to adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Goodman.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Caroscio, Fiorelli, Goodman, Gray, Icové, Romeo, Miller.

Nays: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: None.

The Meeting Adjourned at 8:57pm.

Council President

Attest:

Clerk of Council